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REMARKS

Claim Objections

Claim 14 is objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) for being of improper dependent form because it fails to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. The Action states that claim 14 depends from cancelled claim 11. Further, the Action states that Applicant is required to cancel the claim, amend the claim to place the claim in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim in independent form. Applicant has amended the claim to place the claim in proper dependent form in the amendments above. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection as to claim 14.

Claim Rejections Under §103:

The Action rejects claims 25-32, 34-38, and 40-42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chieu (U.S. 5,995,019) in view of Ovard (U.S. 6,356,764). Claims 25-32, 34-38, and 40-42 have been canceled thereby rendering this rejection moot as to claims 25-32, 34-38, and 40-42. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections as to claims 25-32, 34-38, and 40-42. Applicant, has canceled claims 25-32, 34-38, and 40-42 without prejudice and expressly reserves the right to pursue any patentable subject matter in cancelled claims 25-32, 34-38, and 40-42 at a later time.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges that in the Action the Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 2, 4-10, and 15-18 are allowable.

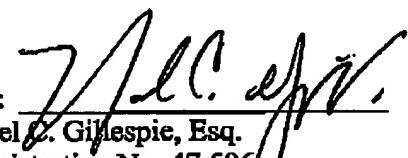
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CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that given the above amendments and remarks, the claims are now in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. No new claim fees are believed to be necessitated by this response. The Examiner is requested to charge any additional fees that may be due with this response to deposit account 13-0480 referencing attorney docket no. 67176389-001100.

Respectfully submitted,

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